



EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1st
Half Term



We all hope that you enjoyed your summer break and had a brilliant time wherever you were. We would like to start by welcoming you all to Merebrook Infant School and Early Years. The children have settled well and have enjoyed a relaxed start to their new school.

The staff in Early Years are:

Miss Elliott (Cygnet Class Teacher and EYFS Lead)

Mrs Kern (Duckling Class Teacher)

Mrs Lawson (Early Years Teaching Assistant and Forest School Lead)

Mrs Holland (Early Years Teaching Assistant)

We are looking forward to getting to know you as parents this year as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us and we will do our best to

Homework

Homework Books:

Homework will be issued weekly each Wednesday and we ask that it is returned the following Tuesday. Each week will set a task that will help your child to build on their literacy, maths and general knowledge skills. Please help and support your child to complete the homework but remember do not do it for them.

Reading:

Your child will bring home a reading book on a Monday and a Thursday. Please take time to read it with them and talk about the story. As you will have the book for a few days, please read it a couple of times and encourage your child to do so with more independence. Talk with your child about the characters and their emotions, the setting, and the sequence of the story. Please write in the home/school communication book each time you read with your child and return the book on a Monday and a Thursday so that it can be changed. If you do not write in the book will assume it has not been read and will not change it.

We also ask that you take care of the home/school reading records. If you lose them we will ask you to purchase a replacement from the school office at the cost of £1.00

The Curriculum

Our topic for this half term will be: Traditional Tales

Communication, Language and Literacy

Within our literacy lessons we will be exploring a range of traditional tales including; Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man. We will be learning the stories well enough for the children to recite, thinking about the beginning, middle and ending of the stories and earning about good characters and bad characters. Through circle times and discussions, we will explore the children's likes and dislikes and encourage them to explain their reasons for this. In writing, we will be learning how to write our names using a capital letter at the beginning and lower case for the rest of the name. If you are helping your child at home we would ask that you do not teach them their name in capital letters. We will also be learning letters and their sounds and how to form them correctly when writing.

Mathematics

Maths teaching this half term will focus mostly on number and developing knowledge of numbers to 20. We will explore numbers and how we can represent these in different ways i.e. in written form, in pictures and diagrams and with real objects. We will also be learning to count carefully by encouraging children to line objects up to count easily, moving objects as we count them or by using 1:1 correspondence and touching them as we count. We will also be learning to write our numbers correctly.

Curriculum Links

Through our topic of Traditional Tales children will also be participating in many different topics linked to the themes. These will include making the Three Bears porridge, baking our own gingerbread men and we will be drawing on our creative skills and making a Little Red Riding Hood and Big Bad Wolf scarecrow for the allotment area. In Understanding the World, we will be introducing the children to the allotment area and helping them to look after then plants we are growing, we will celebrate Diwali by making Diva Lamps out of a clay and celebrating Harvest by visiting the local church for a special Harvest assembly.

There is so much learning that will be taking place, it's going to be a very busy half term!

A friendly plea...

If you have any old flour, oil, salt, cream of tartar and food colourings that are going out of date we would be grateful for them so we can use them to make our own playdough.

A few reminders:

PE: Is on a Tuesday.
Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school.

Forest School: Is on a Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing their kit and brings their uniform in a bag.